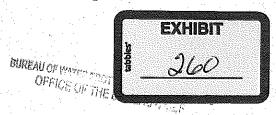


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Greetings,

We endorse the mainframe Stream Flow Regulations Pursuant to Public Act No. 05-42 and heartily congratulate your agency for its vision. We do take exception to the designation of Class 4 streams without any description of the biological components associated with said streams.

It should be the Department of Environmental Protection's keen policy to improve the quality of all riparian systems regardless of flow or size. Would these Class 4 rejects be still afforded protection under the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Act? If so, that would appear to be a conflict.

Respectfully,

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